

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, March 29, 1726.

From the Evening Post, March 22.

Our Court has received Advice from Persia, That the young Sophi has put himself under the Protection of our Empress, and is already arrived at Bachu, where the old Sophi his dethron'd Father is also expected.

Florence, March 12. The Solicitations of the Courts of Vienna and Madrid, for bringing our Great Duke into the Treaty of Vienna are so pressing, That 'tis talk'd his Royal Highness begins to incline that Way.

Vienna, March 16. The Success of the Negotiations between this Court and that of Russia, grows more doubtful every Day.

The Duke de Richlieu Ambassador of France, has assur'd our Court, that the advancing of French Troops to the Frontier, is only to secure the Kingdom against a Surprise, and that the King his Master is not to act Offensively, but Defensively.

Hague, March 28. Mr. Preis, Envoy extraordinary of Sweden, has notified to their High Mightinesses, That the King his Master and the Senate of that Kingdom, are come to a Resolution to concur with France, Great Britain and Prussia, in whatever may tend to the Preservation of the Peace of Europe.

Vienna, March 9. They write from Constantinople, That the Ottoman Porte is still making vast Preparations for War. The same Letters add, that the Grand Signior has sent Orders to the Cham of the Tartars, to hold his Troops in a readiness for marching at a Minutes Warning.

Brussels, March 21. There went some Days ago thro' this City, a second Carriage with French Louis d'Ors, being sent from Paris for Amsterdam, and containing the same Quantity as that seized but released.

Vienna, March 13. Last Week was again held at the House of Prince Eugene of Savoy, a great Conference of State, at which assisted some Generals of the Infantry, when it was resolv'd, That the Augmenting of the Imperial Troops should be put off for some Time. Two Days ago an Express was dispatched from the Court of Madrid, from whence we hear, That the Duke d'Osuna is to come hither

with the Character of Ambassador, and relieve the Count de Ripperda. The Marquis de Fleury, Minister of the King of Poland, had two Days ago an Audience of the Emperor, and delivered his Credential Letters, and assur'd him, That the King his Master will religiously perform all his Engagements with his Imperial Majesty. The Report we had that Mr. St. Saphorin, Minister of the King of Great Britain, would shortly leave this Court, was groundless, for he has hired his House for half a Year longer.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post March 23.

Francfort, March 20. They write from Alsace, That the French are making as great Preparations as if a War was just ready to break out; and that among the rest, they are preparing a Bridge of Boats to lay over the Rhine in case of Need. They seem to have a Design to lay it two Leagues and an half above Fort Khel.

Paris, March 19. Orders are given for the immediate Repair of our principal Fortifications on the Moselle; and 'tis said likewise, that most of our Men of War in the Ports of the Ocean and the Mediterranean are to be fitted out. Mean-time they are at Work in all the Provinces of the Kingdom upon Gun-powder, to furnish the King's Magazines. Some Advices from the Frontiers of Roussillon say, That the K. of Spain has sent such a Number of Troops privately towards Catalonia, that if his Majesty thinks fit, he can quickly form an Army thereof of 40000 Men, besides Miquelets.

From the London Gazette, March 22.

Madrid, March 11. The D. of Ripperda has order'd strict Enquiry to be made into the Management of all Administrators and Collectors of Duties and Revenues; he has also dismissed a great many Bachelors of the Court, and reduced the Number of them to one Hundred. The 300 Horse Guards which were sent last Year into Catalonia, are arriv'd here. Letters from Barcelona of the 2d Inst. advise, That the 10 Battallions lately order'd from thence, some to Arragon, and some to Valencia, were on their March thither.

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From the St. James's Evening-Post, March 22.

London, March 22. We hear there was a Design of sending some Regiments to Gibraltar and Portmahon; but upon an Account from the Governors, that the Regiments in Garrison there were all complete, the Men in perfect Health, and the Places well provided with all manner of Necessaries, it is laid aside: Moreover, these Fortresses being under the Care of two brave and experienc'd Officers, if an Insult should be offered by any Foreign Power, they may meet with a very disagreeable Reception.

Continuation of the Answer of the States to the Marquis de St. Philippe's Memorial.

And tho' it be alledged in the said Memorial, That his Majesty, with respect to the foresaid Convention, is no longer in the same Sentiments he was in before the Peace concluded with the Emperor; yet this Point has not therefore changed its Nature, nor can their H. Mightinesses change their Sentiments: Which makes them look on the fore-mentioned Navigation to the Indies as a Contravention, highly prejudicial to them, to Treaties, and particularly to those which subsist between his Cath. Majesty and them; the 9th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht expressly providing, That neither his Majesty nor their H. Mightinesses shall consent to any Treaty that may bring Damage to either. To which Article, their H. Mightinesses hold that Engagement to be contrary, which his Majesty has entred into in respect to th' Ostend Commerce to th' Indies.

That their H. Mightinesses, by their Resolution the 24th January, have declared the high Value they set on his Cath. Majesty's Friendship; That they repeat it by these Presents, and will endeavour, by all that is in their Power, to preserve that Friendship. That as to what was said in the Memorial, of his Majesty's Exactness with respect to the Observation of Treaties, their H. Mightinesses look upon it as an Effect of his Majesty's renowned Equity, and laudable Intentions; That however they have Ground to complain, that with respect to the Republic, these his Majesty's laudable Intentions are not followed every where in his Kingdoms and Countries, and by his Officers; seeing otherwise they would not have been obliged to make such frequent Complaint as they have done, of the Wrong done many ways to their Subjects and Merchants, as well in Spain as in open Sea, since the last Peace, without having been able to obtain any Reparation, which they had Reason to hope for and expect from his Majesty's Equity, and from his Exactness in observing Treaties. But they are willing to believe,

that the supposed past Exactness will be a Pledge to them of great Exactness for the future.

That in the mean Time, their H. Mightinesses look upon the repeated Offer of his Majesty's Mediation, for accommodating the Differences about the Commerce of Ostend to the Indies, as a Mark of his Majesty's Love of Peace, and of his Friendship towards the Republick, for which they are very much obliged to him; but that the Scruple or Difficulty they had, remains still; that is, Whether his Majesty can employ his Mediation with that Impartiality which is requisite in a Mediator, after having entred into so strong and strict an Engagement with his Imperial Majesty, for maintaining the Commerce of Ostend to the Indies; which Commerce, and the Infraction thereby made in the Treaties, are their principal Grievance.

That it is not necessary to examine whether the Case of the Mediation of France and Great Britain, alledged in the foresaid Memorial, is paralel to the Case now in Question: But supposing that Case does perfectly agree with the present, his Majesty the King of Spain has newly taught their H. Mightinesses how difficult it would be for this Mediation to succeed, seeing his Majesty, abandoning the Mediation of France and G. Britain, after having accepted it, and after it was going on its Channel, thought fit to settle his Terms with his Imp. Majesty, without making Use of that Mediation. That besides this, their H. Mightinesses cannot without great Prejudice to themselves, enter into Negotiation about the said Differences, on a Foot by which it is supposed the Grievance shall subsist, but that Equivalents shall be sought out for lessening or making up the Damage the State sustains thereby; That their H. Mightinesses look upon the Infraction of Treaties as an Article that cannot be made good by any Equivalent; considering, that on the Observation and Execution of Treaties, depends all the Security that Princes and States have with regard to each other; and that there can be no reckoning any more upon Conventions to be made, if those already made should not be maintained. That their H. Mightinesses willingly allow, that preceeding Treaties are no Hinderance to the making of new ones, provided it be laid down for a Foundation, that by these new Treaties nothing can be changed in the former, unless with the Consent of those who are concerned therein; without which Rule all Treaties would be rendred useless: That besides, they likewise readily own, that the K. of Spain has as

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great a Power, particularly with respect to the rich Possessions in the Indies, as any other Prince, to enable him to make all Sort of Amends, if the Matter in Agitation were only the Reparation of some Damage; but, as has been said the present Question is not only about some Loss or Damage. That they are willing to believe, that the present Friendship between his Imp. Majesty and his Cath. Majesty is so great, that his Imp. Majesty, out of Affection for his Cath. Majesty, is disposed to do very much; and for this Reason it is, that their H. Mightinesses, by their Resolution the 24th January last, did desire, and do again desire amicably his said Majesty, to be pleased to have the Goodneis to use his powerful Offices with his Imp. Majesty, That the Commerce of the Austrian Netherlands to the Indies, may cease, whereby the Grievance from which the present Difficulties sprung, may be redressed. That if for acquiring this it be requisite to make some Steps or Advances, their H. Mightinesses do not pretend his Imperial Majesty should make the first; but that they will be always ready to make the first Steps, and to advance not only Halfway, but to the End of the Course, provided they can but see that Things might thereby be brought to a good Issue; for their H. Mightinesses are not conscious of having ever been wanting to render to his Imp. Majesty, the Honour that is due to him, and in as great a Degree as he can expect from any Sovereign State; and they will always preserve the same Regard for his Imperial Majesty.

To be continued.

From the Post-Man, March 24.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

Vienna, March 16. The Duke of Richlieu, Ambassador of France, had a long Audience lately of the Emperor, from whence it would seem, that Affairs are like to take a new Turn.

Brussels, March 25. 'Tis said that the King of G. Britain has demanded of the Government, whether they are for adhering to the Treaty of Antwerp, as to the Affair of the Ostend Company, or else to let Things go to an Extremity.

Paris, March 25. Some Days ago died at St. Germain, in the 80th Year of her Age, (and was buried in the Scots Burial Place) the Dutchess Dowager of Perth, who was formerly Maid of Honour to the Queen of England, Wife to King James II.

London, March, 24. There are eight Sail more of Men of War put into Commission.

S S. Stock 107 7, 8ths. Annuities 98, 5 8ths. York Buildings 21 1 4th.

From Wye's Letter, March 24.

'Tis expected that it will not be long before both Houses of Parliament receive a Message from his Majesty of high Importancy.

The Wild Man taken in the Woods in Germany last Year, is brought over, being a great Curiosity.

This Day the Commons receiv'd the following Message from the King. His Majesty having nothing now more at Heart, than the earnest Desire to secure to his Subjects the full Enjoyment of their Trade, and in the best Means to prevent such Designs as have been formed against the particular Interests of this Nation and the Peace of Europe, has found it necessary not only to augment his maritime Forces, and to concert such other Measures as may most effectually conduce to these desirable Ends; and as these Services will require some extraordinary Expences, his Majesty hopes to be enabled, by the Assistance of the Parliament, to increase the Number of Seamen already voted for; and to enter into and make good such Engagements as the Exigencies of Affairs require,

A Motion being made to address his Majesty, for an Account of the Disposition of 250,000 L. granted in 1717 to enable his Majesty to concert such Measures with Foreign Powers, as might prevent any Apprehension from the Designs of Sweden: *It passed in the Negative.*

From the St. James's Evening Post, March 22.

London, March 24. On Monday next Sir Charles Wager goes on board the Fleet designed for the Mediterranean.

Yesterday the 3 Notorious Robbers, Blewet, Dickson, and Berry, were brought over hither from Holland, on board the Delight Sloop.

Admiral Hoffer set out last Monday to command the Squadron designed for the West Indies.

We hear his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was to set out on his Return for Great Britain Monday last.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

¶ That the Town and Lands of DALMARNOCK, with the Oak-Wood and Fishings belonging thereto, lying on the side of the River of Tay, within two Miles of Dunkeld; are to be exposed to voluntary Sale on Thursday the Nineteenth Day of May next, at the Sheriff-Clerk's Office in Perth, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon. The Lands hold Feu of the Crown for a small Feu duty, and pay of yearly free Rent to the Master, after Deduction of Ministers Stipends, Schoolmasters Salaries, and all other public Burdens, the Sum of Three hundred and eleven Pounds, seven-

seventeen Shilling, four Penies, Scots Money. And beside the foresaid yearly Rent, the Tenants constantly and regularly pay one full Years Rent of Grassum, at the Expiration of every seven Years. The Conditions of the Sale, and Progress of the Writs are to be seen in the Hands of the Sheriff Clerk of Perth, and John MacEuen Writer in Dunkeld.

N. B. That there is a very convenient Dwelling House and Gardens, suteable to the Estate; and that the Oak Woods and other Woods belonging to the said Lands, are not considered in the foresaid Rental, and therefore are to be sold jointly with the Lands, or seperately by themselves, conform to the Conditions of the Sale. Note also, That the Salmon Fishing on the Water of Tay, being usually in the Master's Possession, make up no Part of the foresaid Rental, but the Value will be considered in the Conditions of the Sale.

*** It is advertised, That the Honourable Society for improving in the Knowledge of Agriculture, have for the Benefit of the Country People, published Directions for propagating and dressing of Lint and Hemp, and for bleaching and whitening of Linen Cloth; which are sold at the Booksellers Shops in Edinburgh. Price Twopence.

*** To be sold, by way of public Roup or Auction, at the Burgh of Perth, in the great House belonging to the Town; upon Wednesday the 20th of April next, the whole Materials and Utensils of the Linen Manufactory lately belonging to the deceased Provost Austin, and last to Patrick Douglas deceased; consisting of 12 Weavers Looms furnished, Sc. two great Coppers, and other Materials for Bleaching or Whitening of Linen Cloth, and a large Calendar-Mill. The ordinary Rules of Rouping to be observed. The Goods are to be shewn by Thomas Vallange, present Deacon of the Weavers at Perth.

*** That there is a Piece of SILVER PLATE, of the ordinary Value, to be run for at Cowpar of Fife, upon the Second Tuesday of April next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding; each of them to carry 8 Stone Trois Weight, allowing the Saddle, Bridle and Whip, to be a Part of the Weight, and that upon the usual Ground. The Horses to run for this Plate, must be at Cowpar, and entred in the Sheriff Clerk's Books of Fife eight Days before the Day of Running, and the Colour, Name, Rider, and Owner of the Horse, to be recorded in the saids Books, and each Horse or Mare to pay a Guinea of Inputs at Booking, to be consigned in the Sheriff Clerk's Hands, which Inputs are to be applied to Payment of a Piece of Silver Plate to the Value of five Pounds Sterl to be run for on the Wednesday after. The other Articles of the Race, are to be seen in the Sheriff Clerk's Hands.

*** That the Lands of EYE, being a Forty-shilling Land of old Extent, holding Blanche of the Crown, paying 122 Bolls Vissant yearly Rent; having a convenient House, Office-houses and Yard, lying in the Parish of Pern and Shire of Ross, within 4 Miles of the Bay of Cromarty and 3 Miles of Tayne: Is to be exposed to Sale, by Charles Robt the Proprietor, upon the 20th of April next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 6 in the Afternoon, in the House of Bailie Alexander Stuart in Tayne. The Rental, Conditions of the Roup, and Inventar of the Progress of Writs are to be seen there, and in the Hands of Mr. Hugh Dallas, Sheriff clerk of Ross, at Fortrose.

*** That, by Warrant of the Managers of the Creditors of GEORGE FRAZER Brewer, there will be exposed to Sale, by way of voluntary Roup, in the Laigh Coffee-house, on Friday the first Day of April next to come, between the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon, the Feu belonging to the said George Frazer near the Gibbet; consisting of a Brewery, Brewing-looms, Yard and Inclosure, Houses and other Conveniences, all inclosed with Dyke and Hedges being about 5 Acres of Ground or thereby, and paying an easy Feu-duty. The Rental, Progress and Conditions of Roup, to be seen in the Hands of ROBERT SCOT Writer in Edinburgh, who is intrest therein for the Benefit of the Creditors, and is to be found at Sir John Dalrymple Clerk his Office, over against the Luckenbooths.

*** That there is a fine House of Three Storeys high, each Storey consisting of four Fire-rooms with Closets, all well finished, besides the Garrets comeield, whereof three are Fire-rooms, making in all Fifteen Fire-rooms; with a Garden, Bowling-green, and several other Conveniences, adjacent thereto, all lying at the Potter-row Port, with 4 Acres of arable Land: To be Sett, either in Whole or in Parts. The Entry to be immediately, or at Whitfunday, Enquire at the Author of this Paper, or at the Laigh Coffee-house, about the Conditions. N. B. There is a Stable and Coach-house contiguous.

*** There is a Piece of SILVER PLATE, Fifteen Pound Sterl. Value, set out by the Right Honourable the Earl of March and Burgh of Peebles, to be run for on the usual Ground, upon Tuesday the 26th of April next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, not under Three at least, belonging to several Owners. This Course is to be four times round, & each Horse is to carry 8 Scots Stone Trois Weight, Whip, Saddle and Bridle being Part of the Weight. They are to be at Peebles Three free Days before the Race, and obtain themselves instantly entred by the Town-clerk, giving up the Colour of their Horses, and Names of the Riders. They are to be free of all Inputs. No Crossing or Jostling to be allowed. The rest of the Articles to be seen in the Town-clerk's Hands. THERE IS likewise another Piece of Silver Plate, Twenty Pound Sterling Value, set out by the foresaid Right Honourable Earl of March and Burgh of Peebles, to be run for on the usual Ground, upon Thursday the Fifth of May also next, in Hears the best of Three, three times round each Heat, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, not under Three at least, belonging to several Owners, each Horse to carry 8 Scots Stone Trois Weight, Whip, Bridle and Saddle being part of the Weight. The Horses are to be at Peebles Ten free Days before the Race, and obtain themselves entred Five Days before the Course, giving up the Colour of these Horses and Names of their Riders, and paying in each two Guineas of Inputs. The rest of the Articles to be seen in the Town-clerk's Hand. N. B. Whatever Horses come in timeous to the first Plate, and continue in the Burgh, are privileged to run at the next Plate in Terms of the Articles: But such other Horses as run not at that free Plate, are to be in Ten free Days before the May Plate, otherwise they'll not be allowed to run. THERE is yet farther a Piece of Silver Plate, Four Guineas Value, to be run for on Friday the 6th of May: And the Articles whereof may be adjusted by the Magistrates.